

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A terminal comprising:
 - a menu screen obtaining unit for obtaining a menu screen including link information;
 - a connection status checking unit for checking the connection status of a linked server specified by each piece of the link information included within the menu screen; and
 - a menu screen display processing unit for displaying the connection status of the linked server checked by the connection status checking unit on the menu screen.
2. A terminal according to Claim 1, wherein a process of checking the connection status by the connection status checking unit is performed in parallel with a display process by the menu screen display processing unit.
3. A terminal according to Claim 1, wherein a discrimination mark differs depending upon a level of the connection status and is associated with the corresponding piece of the link information.
4. A terminal according to Claim 1, wherein a color according to a level of the connection status is applied to the corresponding piece of the link information or a portion

related thereto.

5. A terminal according to Claim 1, wherein the menu screen display processing unit does not display a piece of the link information corresponding to an inaccessible server.

6. A terminal according to Claim 1, wherein the terminal is mounted upon a vehicle and the connection status checking unit checks the connection status of the linked server while the vehicle is stopped.

7. A vehicle mounted terminal comprising:
a menu screen obtaining unit for obtaining a menu screen including link information;
a connection status checking unit for checking the connection status of a linked server specified by each piece of the link information included within the menu screen when the connection status changes; and
a menu screen display processing unit for displaying the connection status of the linked server checked by the connection status checking unit on the menu screen.

8. A vehicle mounted terminal according to Claim 7, wherein the connection status of the linked server changes when the speed of the vehicle changes and crosses a

predetermined value.

9. A vehicle mounted terminal according to Claim 7, further comprising a communication processing unit for receiving information transmitted from the linked server through radio waves,

wherein the connection status of the linked server changes when the electric field strength of received radio waves in the communication processing unit changes and crosses a predetermined reference value.

10. A vehicle mounted terminal according to Claim 7, further comprising a communication medium determining unit for determining the change of the communication medium,

wherein the connection status of the linked server changes when the communication medium determined by the communication medium determining unit changes.

11. A vehicle mounted terminal according to Claim 7, further comprising a geographic condition determining unit for determining geographic conditions of a driving location of the vehicle upon which the terminal is mounted,

wherein the connection status of the linked server changes when the geographic conditions determined by the geographic condition determining unit change.

12. A vehicle mounted terminal according to Claim 7, further comprising a road determining unit for determining the type of road on which the vehicle is running,

wherein the connection status of the linked server changes when the type of road determined by the road determining unit changes.

13. A vehicle mounted terminal according to Claim 7, further comprising a communication status determining unit for determining communication status and a communication status history storing unit for storing the history of the determined communication status,

wherein the connection status of the linked server changes when the past communication status corresponding to the driving location of the vehicle is determined to be unfavorable based upon the communication status history stored within the communication status history storing unit.

14. A vehicle mounted terminal according to Claim 7, wherein the menu screen has a displayed area larger than a display, and the connection status checking unit checks the connection status of each piece of the link information included within the entire menu screen which can be selectively displayed in the display by scrolling or page change.

15. A vehicle mounted terminal according to Claim 7, further comprising a function of a computer which can be connected to the Internet,

wherein the menu screen obtaining unit receives the menu screen through the Internet.

16. A vehicle mounted terminal according to Claim 7, wherein information transmitted from the linked server includes music data.

17. A vehicle mounted terminal according to Claim 7, further comprising a function of a receiver for receiving information distributed from a broadcast station,

wherein the menu screen obtaining unit retrieves the menu screen stored within a storage device incorporated in the receiver.

18. A method for displaying a menu screen, comprising:
displaying a menu screen including link information;
checking the connection status of a linked server specified by each piece of the link information included within the menu screen; and

reflecting on the menu screen the checked connection status.

19. A method according to Claim 18, wherein checking the connection status of the linked server is performed when the connection status of the linked server changes.

20. A method according to Claim 18, wherein information transmitted from the linked server includes music data.